

## ASPAC 2011 A HUGE SUCCESS

The 36th Asia-Pacific Convention was successfully hosted by the Malaysia District at the Hotel Equatorial with a record attendance of 702 delegates from 8 districts and 5 Nations from Asia-Pacific area. Also present were International President Sylvester Neal, President-elect Alan Penn and his wife Jerri, KIF President Jack Harten and his wife Jackie, and KIEF President Jerome Hennekens.

Also present were Past International Trustees from Europe and Canada, Gunther Gasser and Roy Bird.

Registration got off to a brisk start with the help of the volunteers from the Kiwanis Clubs of Bukit Bandaraya and Subang Jaya. The organization was superb and registrations went very smoothly over Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



*International President Sylvester Neal registering for the Convention*



*The KC Bukit Bandaraya Team*

Thursday was a day of meetings where International President Sylvester Neal and International President elect Alan Penn met with their respective class of Governors for an update on the various Districts progress. This followed with a meeting of the full ASPAC Executive Board in the afternoon.



*Sylvester Neal meets with his 2010-2011 team*

The Convention opening was marked with stunning performances by the St Francis Institution Melaka Drummers, a cultural dance troupe from SMK Durian Tunggul and the Kluang Mandarin special school.

The following were recognized at the opening ceremony:

ASPAC Chair Bette Eavestaff

ASPAC Chair elect Adeline Chan

ASPAC Vice Chair Belle Garcia

Imm Past ASPAC Chair Boy Marcos

ASPAC Secretary / Treasurer Hwang Chia Sing

ASPAC Organizing Chairman Fred Lah



IKI President Sylvester Neal



KIEF President Jerome Hennekens



KIF President Jack Harten



KI Executive Director Stan Soderstrom



KI Senior Director Christina Hale



International Trustee Dr. Su Wen Pin



International Trustee Tadao Oda



International President-elect Alan Penn

The following District Governors were recognized.

- Australia : David Allen
- Japan Hiroshi Kawasaki
- Korea District in Formation :Choi Young Min
- Malaysia: YT Soo
- New Zealand - South Pacific: Bob Reay
- Philippine Luzon: Romy Mariano
- Philippine South: Ernesto Baluyot
- Taiwan: Lu Chin-Hsiang
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The following Nations representatives were recognized:

- Hong Kong: Judy King, Past President Hong Kong Club.
- Indonesia: Vanny Shinta Cendra, Area Coordinator.
- Pakistan: Irfan Vazeer, President Kolachi Club.
- Singapore: Teng Chen Chong, Past President Singapore Delta Chapter Club.
- Sri Lanka: Daya Ratnayake, Area Coordinator

The Objects was read by Sally Goh, Lt Governor for Division 5. This was followed by a welcome speech by Organizing Chairman Fred Lah.

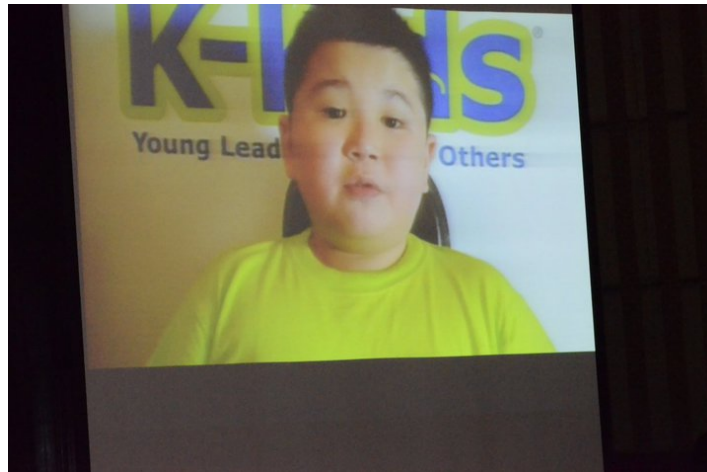


*Sally Goh reads the Objects of Kiwanis*



*Fred Lah welcomes delegates to the 36<sup>th</sup> ASPAC*

The highlight of the show was when a message was relayed via video link from a K Kids member asking for a commitment from all the Governors present and getting them to light the torch to bring smiles to the children of ASPAC. This followed by Sarah Ng singing the song "Smile" for the delegates.



*K Kid member speaking to the delegates*



*Sarah Ng Wows the crowd with her rendition of "Smile"*

It set the stage for a compelling convention the next day.

That evening the delegates were entertained to a Baba-Nyonya night complete with a band, singers and a mock wedding.

The Business session was held on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

During Business Session 2 there was a heated debate in the 4 proposed changes to the By Laws and 2 resolutions. All proposals failed to pass the house and were defeated.

Later in Business Session 3 the members voted in the new leadership for 2011-2012

The following leaders were elected:





ASPAC Chair 2011-12 – Adeline Chan of Malaysian District.



ASPAC Chair-elect 2011-12 – Wilfredo(Boy)Valencia of Philippine Luzon District.



ASPAC Vice-Chair 2011-12 – Tadao Oda of Japan District.

The following ASPAC Representatives of Kiwanis Nations 2011-12 (3 positions) were elected to the Executive Board

Daya Ratnayake of Kiwanis Club of Colombo City, Sri Lanka

Vanniyasih Shinta Cendra, Kiwanis club of Socialista of Indonesia

Irfan H.A. Vazeer Kiwanis Club of Kolachi, Pakistan



Guaranteed Asia-Pacific Region International Trustee for the term 2011-2014 - Lee Kuan Yong of Malaysia District



It was announced by International President Sylvester Neal that ASPAC Secretary Hwang Chia Sing was appointed to a three-year term on the Kiwanis International Foundation Board, effective October 1, 2011

It was announced that the 2012 Asia-Pacific Convention shall be held on March 15-17 in Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo City, Sri Lanka.

Bidding for the 2014 & 2015 ASPAC. – Governor Romy Mariano informed the House that the Philippine Luzon District would like to bid for the 2014 ASPAC Convention. They will present the venue and date later, and this bid is subject to the decision of the 2014 International Convention which was scheduled to be held in the Asia-Pacific Region. There was no bid for the 2015 ASPAC Convention.

Grand ASPAC Ball and Closing ceremony

That evening all Kiwanians came together to celebrate their 36<sup>th</sup> year in style. Districts put on wonderful shows and there was much fellowship and fun. The Convention flag was handed over to Daya Ratnayake of Sri Lanka at the close of proceedings and everyone left looking forward to seeing each other again next year in Colombo



*The Malaysian District sings for the best performance competition*



*Members of the organizing committee relax at last!*



*The South Pacific Islanders all had a great time in Melaka*



